GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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IMPORT OF SECOND HAND AND DEFECTIVE STEEL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to tighten the norms for import of second-hand and defective steel products under the Advanced Licensing Scheme;

(b) if so, whether under this Scheme, goods can be imported duty free, if these are used as inputs for manufacturing products;

(c) if so, the details of new norms that are being considered;

(d) the extent to which these norms will allow import of prime grade steel only for use as impetus into exports; and

(e) the time by which these norms are likely to be announced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): Under the Advance Licensing Scheme, duty free import of inputs includingseconds and defective steel items are permissible as per the standard input output norms which are finalised by the Advance Licensing Committee in the Office of the Director General Foreign Trade(DGFT) in consultation with the Technical Authorities. Ministry of Steel suggested to the DGFT to review these norms wherever seconds and defective steel items have been permitted. DGFT has informed that specific proposal, if any, needs to be submitted with appropriate justification wherever any change is called for, for consideration of the Advance Licensing Committee.

(c)to(e): Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.